

# SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN BATH FAMILY SOON TO LEAVE FOR EUROPE

## Pleasant Affair Takes Place at Beth Israel Synagogue Thurs- day Evening

An enjoyable surprise party was given Thursday evening in the vestry of Beth Israel synagogue for Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen and their three children, Ruth, Edward, and Ida, who leave Bath Sunday prior to sailing from Boston for Europe on the steamship Laconia July 2. The party was given by Mr. and Mrs. David Cogan, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Cohen, and both put in a great deal of time and effort to make the affair the complete success that it was. They were assisted by Mrs. Sadie Gediman, Miss Mary Arik, Miss Evelyn Petlock, and Miss Esther Petlock. Forty-nine were present.

The party was indeed a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, who, although they had been told that they and all the members of the congregation were at once needed to consult a man relative to installing a heater in the synagogue, were reluctant to come. They arrived unprepared to see the large assembly of friends who had gathered to tender them their best wishes for a happy trip and return.

Benjamin Gediman was toastmaster and called upon several of those present. Each expressed the sentiments of those who had gathered there by wishing them Godspeed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cohen responded, although nearly speechless with surprise.

Mr. Cohen favored the group by singing "Eli, Eli" in his remarkably fine voice. He was vigorously applauded. Sam Povich, Bath's well known vocalist, also sang.

Mr. and Mrs. Cohen and children were presented with gifts from their friends. The evening was passed informally. Two large ice-cream cakes inscribed with an appropriate message, punch, candy, and many kinds of cake were served.

Arriving in Boston they went to Mattapan where they were guests of Mrs. Cohen's sister, and brother and sister in law, Miss Marcia Petlock, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Petlock, 23 Hosmer street, until their ship leaves for Liverpool. They will go to London to visit Mr. Cohen's uncle, Harry Fevez. They will then proceed to Bremen and Berlin where they will visit relatives and friends with whom Mr. Cohen became acquainted during his previous three years residence in the latter city. From here they expect to go to Lithuania, where they will be guests of Mr. Cohen's parents and brothers and sisters, whom he has not seen since coming to Bath 16 years ago. In Zvezmer, they will visit Mrs. Cohen's grandmother, Slove Petlock, and her aunts and uncles, whom she also has not seen since her arrival in America. Nathan Petlock, Mrs. Cohen's father, is the only child of Mrs. Slove Petlock to reside in America.

The Cohens expect to return Sept. 6 on the Laconia, by way of Hamburg.

At a party recently given Mrs. Cohen by Mrs. M. S. Povich, she was presented with a handsomely fitted overnight bag, by her many friends. Before leaving, the Cohens were entertained with a dinner party Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cohen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Petlock of Franklin street.

During the absence of Mr. Cohen, the Commercial Market will be in charge of Mrs. Cohen's brother, Morris Petlock, who was formerly a partner in the store. He will welcome the many friends, old and new, to the Commercial Market.

The little Cohen children, Ruth, Edward and Ida, are very much excited over the prospects of a journey across the sea, and are filled with plans of what they will do in Europe during the Summer.